abiliiy of such forces. Accordingly, Cental Forces, including the Army have been deployed in Assam keeping in view the overall avail-ability of these forces. The security requirements of the State of Assam are reviewed constantly. Government of India are fully alive to the security situation in the State.

(iii) Modernisation of Police Force:

A special scheme for modernization of police forces of the North Eastern States has been prepared. Arms and ammunition and vehicles (including Bullet proof vehicles) worth Rs. 16.46 crore have been approved and released for Assam police during 1997-98. The State of Assam has also received the following assistance during the last three years under the ongoing scheme for modernisation of police force:

1995-96	Rs. 95.43 lakhs
1996-97	Rs. 195.43 lakhs
1997^98	Rs. 47.715 lakhs

(iv) Action against trahs-Border Movement of Militants:

The matter has been taken up with the Governments of Bangladesh, Myanmar and Bhutan and they have assured full cooperation.

One-time huge grant by Assam for fighting insurgency

1953. SHRI PARAG CHALIHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Assam Government have demanded a one-time huge grant from the Centre to fight the menace or rising insurgency in Assam:

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the response of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. Government of Assam had demanded one-time grant of Rs. 500 crores to overcome its ways and means difficulties.

(c) This demand of State Government has not been accepted. However, Government of India has sanctioned and released Rs. 131.91 crores to Government of Assam as security related expenditure for the years 1990—95. The Government has also agreed to reimburse security related expenditure incurred on counter insurgency operations by the State of Assam from 1.4.1995 and onwards.

Number of disciplines opened at RIMS, Imphal

1954. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of disciplines opened in post-graduate classes of the Regional Institute of Medical Science, Lamphelpat, Imphal, Manipur;

(b) the number of disciplines *to* be opened in post-graduate classes at this Institute; and

(c) by when it will be opened?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L. K. ADVANI):
(a) Fifteen.

(b) Eight.

(c) MD Course in Pathology and Forensic medicine wil]j be started next year. Courses in other disciplines would be started after obtaining necessary clearances from the Medical Council of India and after the requisite infrastructural and staff facilities are available.